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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 3222

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE BAN ON TOURISTS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AND
RHODESIAN VISAS OR ENTRY STAMPS IN PASSPORTS

1. SUMMARY - TANZANIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY
BARRED ENTRY TO VISITORS WHO HAVE VISAS OR ENTRY STAMPS IN
THEIR PASSPORTS FROM RHODESIA OR SOUTH AFRICA. EMBASSY SEEKING
TO CLARIFY IF NEW REGULATION ENACTED OR IF THIS TEMPORARY
MEASURE RESULTING FROM TIGHTENING OF SECURITY PROCEDURES.
END SUMMARY.

2. ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 22, TOUR GROUP OF 46
CIVIC LEADERS FROM LOS ANGELES GUIDED BY A MR. DETRICK, VICE
PRESIDENT OF UNITOUR TRAVEL AGENCY, WAS TURNED BACK AT KENYA/
TANZANIA BORDER POST AT TAVETA, UNDER A "NEW REGULATION"
WHICH PROHIBITS ENTRY INTO TANZANIA OF ANYONE BEARING A
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RHODESIAN OR SOUTH AFRICAN VISA OR ENTRY STAMP IN THEIR

PASSPORT.

3. RESPONDING TO A CALL FROM MR. DETRICK, WHO HIMSELF HAD CONTACTED TANZANIAN PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER, EMBASSY ATTEMPTED THROUGHOUT 22, 23 AND 24 SEPTEMBER TO OBTAIN WAIVER OF NEW REGULATION FOR GROUP AND TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF RESTRICTION. QUERIES TO CHIEF PROTOCOL OFFICER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICER, PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND TOURISM AND PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER KUBAGA WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING EITHER WAIVER OF NEW REGULATION OR CLARIFICATION OF IT.

4. ON MONDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 24 KUBAGA INFORMED EMBASSY THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING WAIVER OF RESTRICTION AND THEN, IN STARTLING CONTRADICTION EARLIER STATEMENTS, SAID THERE WAS NO RPT NO NEW REGULATION. SUBSEQUENT CALLS TO EMBASSY BY OTHER TOUR OPERATORS IN NAIROBI, LYKES LINE SHIP CAPTAIN AND NAIROBI CONSULAR OFFICER INDICATE THAT NEW RESTRICTIONS STILL BEING APPLIED. ONE TOUR OPERATOR CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED NOTICE OF RESTRICTION ON SEPTEMBER 24.

5. EMBASSY SENDING TODAY THIRD PERSON NOTE TO FONMIN REQUESTING CLARIFICATION WHETHER TANZANIA IS INDEED BANNING TOURISTS WHO HAVE SOUTH AFRICAN OR RHODESIAN VISA OR ENTRY STAMP IN THEIR PASS-PORTS. WILL ADVISE. IN MEANTIME DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ALERT TOUR ORGANIZATIONS AND SUCH GROUPS AS CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WHICH OFTEN VISIT SOUTHERN AFRICA DURING TOUR EAST AFRICA. TWO CHICAGO COUNCIL GROUPS SLATED ETD TANZANIA OCTOBER 18 AND 25.

6. TANZANIAN SECRET SERVICE REPORTEDLY HAS COME ACROSS RUMORS OF THREAT TO PRESIDENT NYERERE WHICH MAY HAVE STIMULATED SUDDEN AND SO FAR UNEXPLAINED ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES AGAINST ANY TRAVELLERS FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA. I ATTENDED OPENING 16TH BIENNIAL TANU CONFERENCE TODAY, HOWEVER, AT WHICH NYERERE APPEARED IN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD FORM. NO SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES IN EVIDENCE AT CONFERENCE HALL AND NYERERE MADE SPECIAL EFFORT AT END OF HIS SPEECH TO MOVE AMONG AND GREET DELEGATES AND DIPLOMATS.

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